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LEGISLATIVE. Senate, 21st District—COL. W. J. SCOTT. Representative, 21st District—AMERICAN INDEPENDENT. 24 District—DR. N. C. MACKAY.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. 1. Tariff, not only to furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government, but to protect American industry from degradation to the wage level of other lands.

2. Reciprocal agreements for open markets and discriminating duties in favor of the American merchant marine. 3. Maintenance of the existing gold standard and opposition to free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world.

"It is not more money we want; what we want is to put the money we already have to work. When money is employed men are employed."

WILLIAM MCKINLEY. The ticket nominated at Indianapolis yesterday by the gold Democrats will probably be the theme of greater speculation than any irregular ticket heretofore placed before the people.

A Fraud and a Robbery. There is another element of meanness in this free coinage of silver. The United States has always paid its bonds in gold coin or its equivalent. In the darkest hours of the Civil War we stipulated to pay our bonds, principal and interest, in gold or its equivalent.

All paper money is credit money. The holder of every National bank note is a creditor, and the bank that issued it is the debtor. The holder of every greenback and every Treasury note and every paper dollar, whether redeemable in gold or silver, is a creditor, and the United States of America is the debtor.

"I have the confident hope that the great body of the Republican and Democratic parties, representing the conservative elements of our people, will stamp their rebuke upon this measure of infamy, and thus preserve intact the honor, the credit and glory of our great country."

organization of the national government as it became due. They have paid four-fifths of the debts contracted during the Civil War, and the prospect was hopeful that all of it would be paid before the close of this century, but this reversing our standards of value has, like the fire bell at night, startled and alarmed our people.

The platform adopted by the Gold Democrats at Indianapolis, which denounces almost everything, reminds one of the remarks of the individual who stood in the market place and rejoiced that he was not like other men.

"I do not know what you think about it, but I believe that it is a good deal better to open the mills of the United States to the labor of America than to open up the mists of the United States to the silver of the world."

WILLIAM MCKINLEY. An invisible string appears to have been attached to Senator Palmer's declination of the presidential nomination at Indianapolis.

Debtors and Creditors. The prevailing impression is that the great mass of the American people constitute the debtor class, and that only the rich money-holding, capitalist class constitutes the creditors.

There are at this time 56 standard life insurance companies doing business in the United States, and 350 assessment life insurance companies. The standard life insurance companies have 8,702,393 policy-holders and the assessment companies have 3,638,815 policy-holders, making a total of over twelve million policy-holders.

The number of savings banks in the United States in 1895 is reported to be 1,017, and the number of depositors 4,875,519, and their deposits aggregate \$1,810,597,023. Each of these depositors in the savings banks is a creditor and each savings bank is a debtor.

There are in this country, in addition to the number of savings banks, in round numbers 8,000 National and State banks and private banking institutions. The lowest estimate of the number of depositors is 1,000 to each bank, while the highest estimate of the number of patrons who obtain loans is 200 to each bank.

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thing of a dude. Since receiving the congressional nomination from a combination of Democrats and Populists, however, it is expected that he will have to content with one suspender and ecru-boiled shirts and shoe blacking.

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IS THERE ANOTHER LIFE. Professor Goldwin Smith, in the July Forum. Is there any voice in our nature which distinctly tells us that death is not the end? If there is, there seems to be no reason why we should not listen to it, even though its message may be incapable of verification such as in regard to a material hypothesis is required by physical science.

OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE. From the Cleveland World. There are in the United States nearly 2,000,000 persons engaged in the gainful occupation of the country. The actual returns wherever given and estimating the earning capacity of this vast army at the lowest figure, we have between \$100,000,000 and \$120,000,000 per annum.

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